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SUBJECT: UNEP STAFFING

REF: A) STATE 030857; B) FRISBIE/BARRETT LETTER JANUARY 27;
C) FRISBIE/BARRETT LETTER NOVEMBER 22, 1977

1. ACCORDING TO KHOSLA, VACANCY DISCUSSED PARA 1 REFTEL NEITHER IMMINENT NOR DEFINITE. LEES IS ON NOTICE THAT, WHEN AND IF COMPUTER LINK ESTABLISHED IN NAIROBI, HE WILL BE EXPECTED TO MOVE HERE. THIS EVENTUALITY IS AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AWAY, AND LEES HAS NOT REACHED FIRM DECISION ON WHAT TO DO, ALTHOUGH HE HAS INDICATED HIS DISINCLINATION TO MOVE. SHOULD HE COME TO NAIROBI, THERE WOULD BE NO VACANCY CREATED IN GENEVA. SHOULD HE ELECT TO REMAIN IN GENEVA, HIS POSITION WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE TRANSFERRED TO NAIROBI AND THERE WOULD BE A VACANCY HERE AT P-4 LEVEL.

2. KHOSLA WAS INTERESTED, HOWEVER, IN APPLICANT MENTIONED REFTEL. DECISION HAS JUST BEEN TAKEN TO ESTABLISH TWO IRS POSITIONS (SEE REF B), AND P-2 INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLICITY SPECIALIST, AND THE OTHER A SPECIALIST IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS AT P-4/P-5 LEVEL. VACANCY ANNOUNCE-
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MENTS NOT YET PUBLISHED, BUT KHOSLA WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW APPLICANT'S BIO DATA. REQUEST DEPARTMENT FORWARD ASAP.

3. TOLBA IS COMMITTED TO TOAL DESERTIFICATION STAFF OF TEN PERSONS. HE TOLD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN JANUARY (COPY OF STATEMENT AVAILABLE FROM TERVITHICK, IO/SCT) THAT HE PLANS TO GET FIVE

OF THESE FROM UN SYSTEM (AND ALREADY HAS D-1 AND P-4 FROM UNDP AND P-5 FROM UNFPA) AND FIVE FROM UNEP FUND. THREE MEMBERS OF UNCOD SECRETARIAT HAVE BEEN RETAINED (ROZANOV, KARRAR AND OMER) SO THAT ONE WOULD ASSUME THAT OTHER TWO UNEP-FUNDED POSTS REMAIN TO BE FILLED, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ADVERTISED. PERMREP WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFO.

4. QUESTION OF RECRUITMENT DUE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PERHAPS BETTER ADDRESSED TO NY. ERIC CARLSON FEELS THERE IS LIKELY TO BE FAIRLY HIGH ATTRITION RATE AMONG CHBP PERSONNEL WHEN ASKED TO TRANSFER TO NAIROBI AND ESTIMATES THERE MIGHT BE SIX TO TEN PROFESSIONAL POST VACANCIES. HE EMPHASIZES, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS PURELY PERSONAL GUESS AND THAT NEW YORK WOULD HAVE BETTER INFORMATION. CARLSON ALSO NOTED THAT HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION AUTHORIZED 28 POSTS, OF WHICH ONLY TEN ARE FILLED. PROBLEM HERE, OF COURSE, IS LACK OF FUND RESOURCES; THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF FILLING THOSE POSTS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. PERMREP POUCHED FEBRUARY 14 TO IO/EX/IR (BARRETT) AND OES/ENP (KING) LETTER FROM OLTMANNS TRANSMITTING LIST OF THIRTEEN VACANCIES. THIS IS LIST PROMISED SOME TIME AGO BY GOBENA (REF C). PERMREP UNDERSTANDS THERE WAS GOOD DEAL OF IN-HOUSE DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL GOVERNMENTS OR ONLY TO THOSE "UNDER-REPRESENTED" ON UNEP SECRETARIAT.

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